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Mr. Tom Susman, Counsel
Administrative Practise Subcommittee
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Tom,

I hope the enclosed letter to the FBI's FOIA/PA officer is self-explanatory.

In it I refer to an appeal of last May to which no response was made so that, when Jim and I could, after filing of the Ray appeal in 6th circuit, we filed in federal district court in Washington, C.A. 75-1996. Immediately because of the games they were playing with CBS the FBI made limited delivery to Jim, far from compliance and accompanied by such lies over Tyler's signature that later there was a self-serving letter correcting one. In fact, as in C.A. 75-226, they even gave me proof of continued withholding.

But what they did give me is, I think, fairly interpreted as a deliberate faking and framing of the truth and Ray in the King assassination. We have a calendar call on this on the 21st. Without doubt it totally destroys the statements of the Memphis D.A. and is new proof of deliberate perjury in that case by the medical examiner. Yes, I had it earlier. This is added proof and proof that the FBI and the Department of Justice knew it.

Aside from what may in time happen in court, I intend to handle this in my own way when I can. My purposes are merely to inform you and if you see fit the Senator. You can see the proofs, if it interests you, any time you want that I can get there or your can get here.

In this connection you should also know that the supposed confession to the Church committee of these new disclosures about Hoover's misdeeds are with two exception so far from new that I wrote of all but two and published them in Frame-Up. One of these is utterly spurious, whether or not Hoover apprived it. It is the planting of a story to force King to leave the decent motel and go to the place he was killed. There never was an such story and the only reason he was at the better place is because when the violence erupted the police considered that the safest place. (It was.) I regard this as a successful effort to get all the hounds chasing the mechanical rabbit instead of the real one. I'm following the real one as best I can and with some success.

In C.A. 1448 (75) we have what I am sure I'll be able to prove are perjurious answers by Rhoads to our interrogatories. I have just received them and expect to go over them for Jim Lesar later today. (I can keep my legs up and type only so long.) This suit is for the two entire executive session transcripts entirely withheld and 10 pages of another. As in C.A.2052-73, where I proved the negative, I expect to do it again under oath and although we have not yet found a judge concerned about federal perjury, to give this one the chance.

It has come to the point where I have to use FOIA to get an FBI press release and to get the Archives to respond to letters. They are uptight. But I do fear a new whitewashing and covering-up. On this I owe you candor. On the assassinations there is no committee that I have any reason to believe has done its job well or in some cases hinestly. (The latter refers to when Jim and I helped and if you have any question I'd rather have you ask him because I make what in effect is a charge.)

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg